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## MAVING MOTHER.

The farmer sat in his easy chair; Between the fire and the lamp-shade; His wife was seated at the table; His three small boys were in the chimney-pot. Outside, a picture boy took off his cap; The girls, the prides, the hearts; And heard the blugit and made the start; Laughter, the laugh, the hearty laugh, Dearly, swiftly, steadily.

Out of the house, the wind, the faint, She bore him without complaint; Like many another household saint—

Comes the man of mystery, love,

In the patient ministry of love.

At the door he stopped to smoke.

"That writhed his lips, the husband spoke—

"There's taxes to pay, an' interest to pay—

And if there should come a rain to pay,

I have sumpin' put by. For old mail to pay,

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**Local Items.**

**Short communications on public questions printed—but not responsible for sentiments or expressions of correspondents—except where we refuse to give name of author.**

**FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK.**  
We are authorized to announce Marshal A. McDaniels, as a candidate for Clerk of the Fulton County Court, at the ensuing August election.

**Oh, the drought!**  
The farmers talk of nothing but the drought.

If you want any kind of hardware, go to J. W. ROGERS.

The ladies are talking of nothing but the drought.

The merchants and traders are talking of nothing but the drought.

Powell & Bro. have commenced the erection of their new gin house.

A. M. BROWN & CO., make a specialty of Cigars, Tobaccos and Snuff.

Mr. W. L. McCutchen has let the contract for building a neat residence in West Hickman.

The court house hill steps have been completed, and the citizens residing on the hill are happy.

Mrs. Mollie Etheridge, wife of Dr. Thos. Edwards, of Decatur, Tenn., died in that place, July 28th.

CURRENTS, PRUNES AND MACKA-RONI, fresh at J. W. ROGERS.

Mr. Chas. Buck, of Ark., in a noble hall days an old Hickman attorney, now buildings at Cairo, Ill., and employ 800 hands.

Mrs. A. D. Kingman, who was severely injured by being thrown from a buggy last week, is improving slowly, but is yet a great sufferer.

GOOD GRAHAM FLOUR, Oat Meal and Cracked Wheat, at J. W. ROGERS.

A bale of new cotton was sold in Malden, last week, and was purchased by Messrs. Levi & Paul, being seven days earlier than the first bale was last year.

A difficulty occurred at the barbecue on Mud Creek, last Saturday, between a man named Clark and Indian Johnson, in which Johnson received an ugly wound on his head.

The man James Crawford, who shot and killed Wm. Yates, at Mayfield, last Sunday, was tried and acquitted, the evidence being that the shooting was done in self defense.

BEMEMBER 10 per cent. discount for Cash purchases, or monthly settlements, at FORTUNE'S DRUG STORE.

We are glad to see Capt. Woods, one of the gentlemanly conductors of the N. C. & St. Louis railroad, who has been sick at home in Shelbyville, Tenn., again at his post.

Mrs. Nannie Watson, of Memphis, Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, will address the ladies of Hickman at the Methodist Church, to-night. Every body invited to attend.

Col. Wm. J. Slatter editor of the Winchester Home Journal, (Tenn.) has been visiting Hickman this week. He is not only a talented editor, but is a clever, companionate gentleman.

If you want No. 1 Mackarel, 5 for 25¢ or Mackerel in oil or cans, from 75¢ to \$1.10 apiece, go to J. W. ROGERS.

The Mud Creek Barbecue, Saturday last, was a splendid affair, largely attended, and in every respect up to the highest reputation of the neighborhood, as the best barbecues in this section.

The contract for the wood work of the new M. E. Church, in this city, was let to Messrs. Perry & Gardner, Wellness, last, and the work of fessing down the old structure will commence Monday.

Quite a number of Hickmanites attended the barbecue at Woodland Mills, last Wednesday. Plenty to eat and a good time generally, is the manner in which those who attended express them selves.

**SELL THEM SELL!**  
Four DOMESTICS in one week, which show their merits. FOXWELL & CO., Agents.

Col. John Mott, for many years county court clerk, New Madrid, Mo., visited Hickman last Saturday and Sunday. Hickman was his boyhood's home, and his friends in this section yet number all the old citizens and many of the new.

The colored people had a grand day last Saturday, the anniversary celebration of the order of the United Brothers of Friendship. The procession was led by the Dyerburg colored Band. The Order pays \$1,000 insurance on the death of a member.

**THE BEST.**  
Examine the New Stewart Sewing Machine, before buying elsewhere. It has advantages over any other Machine, at J. W. COLE's Book Store.

The country is full of travelling dead-beats, frauds, swindlers, who are bearing the farmers right out of their hard earned dollars. Farmers of this country, don't sign a paper of any kind unless you know who they are dealing with, as you are likely to be beaten.

The railroad company has commenced sending in cars loaded with rock for the Hickman wharf. The timbers for the grain elevator are reported in readiness, and as the low stage of the river is just now favorable, it is understood that the work of driving piles for the elevator will be commenced forthwith.

**LADIES.**  
Desiring to buy a Sewing Machine, should examine the NEW HOME, at Aug. 25. COWGILL'S DRUG STORE.

The new comet is looming up hand-somely to the astronomer's eye, and, indeed, it is now visible to all, save the near-sighted, in the morning before twilight. About the middle of the coming week it will be discernible in the evening after twilight near to the horizon at a point somewhat north of northwest.

**GARFIELD.**  
**The President's Relapse.**  
**The Situation Critical,**  
**but Some Hope.**

President Garfield has again experienced a relapse, and his physicians now admit his situation as critical in the extreme. The citizens of Washington, and outside physicians, are generally despondent, and indicate scarcely any hope of the President's recovery. The following from the President's physician, of yesterday, indicates the situation:

GIVEN UP ALL HOPE.

Dr. Blies said, when asked how the patient had improved, "He is not better than last night." "Looked dark and sick," "of course, it looked dark," said the doctor.

Answer.—Cut the corn about the last of September to the 1st of October, when the folder is yet partly green, but after the grain has passed the soft state, but the definite date can be given for this work.

HICKMAN, Ky.

Elder Courier.—Would you recommend a young man preparing himself for medical pursuits, to study the science of Phrenology in school, to end thus he may read human nature, &c. J. W.

Answer.—No. Phrenology is not a science, but a pleasing shilling guess work. We don't think a phrenologist can tell you any more about your fellow men than an old woman can with her coffee grounds and pack of cards.

JORDAN STATION, Ky.

Elder Courier.—Why is the President's residence at Washington always called the White House?

Answer.—It is said that when the British burned Washington City, the walls of the President's house were so blackened that they had to be painted, and were painted white, and that it gave the house such a prominence from all parts of the city that it gradually became designated as the White House.

FULTON COUNTY.

Elder Courier.—How many voters, or what proportion does it require to entitle a county to a member of the Kentucky Legislature?

Answer.—It does not require any special population or number of voters, in this State. The Constitution fixes 100 members for the Lower House, and 38 for the Senate, and every ten years these numbers are run through the population, and apportioned into Representative and Senatorial Districts by the Legislature. The membership can never be increased or decreased no matter what the population may be.

HICKMAN, Ky.

Elder Courier.—Is it true that the new translation of the Bible is the sectarian work of the Church of England and Episcopalian in America, or was it the joint work of all the denominations?

Answer.—The translators in this country were selected from the distinguished scholars of the Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists, Unitarians and Quakers. The Church of England paid the expenses, so we read, but had only an equal voice with the others named. The Catholic church had nothing to do with it, and I do not recognize it any more than they did the King James version.

HICKMAN, Ky.

Elder Courier.—Where are some queries which we have studied up, and want the Courier to have answered?

Answer.—On the 27th of December, and the 28th of January, the Council proceeded to compare the same, and it appears that J. O. Barnes received a majority of all the votes, and he was declared elected. The negroes of the town of Charles B. Hackett, said that he present his official bond at the next regular meeting of the Council.

AMERICAN'S LICENSE.

Henry Judge appeared in open Council and asked that merchant's license be granted to him, to be dated May 1, 1881.

A motion being made to grant said license and a division being called for, the vote resulted as follows:

Against Faris, Plummer, Campbell and French.

Nays—Buckner and Randle.

Whereupon the City Clerk was ordered to issue said license.

On motion, Council adjourned.

R. E. MITCHELL, C. C.

EARLY IN THE FIELD.

The Hour, a weekly paper published in New York, makes the positive announcement that Hon. Samuel J. Tilden is in the field as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1882. The Hour says that with the exception of foreign for which he is reckoned, he has carefully surveyed the field and has reached the conclusion that the time has come for the reelection of the great working man he believes done in himself in his field, and to whom he looks as the natural successor of the popular verdict and the inauguration of a fraudulent President in 1876.

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1st. It is the birthday of St. John, the Evangelist, a patron saint of the Masonic order.

2nd. James Buchanan was the bachelor President; and his niece, Miss Lane, presided at the White House while he was in office.

3rd. Hades is pronounced like the word hollow, and the word means "invisible world"; and the word means "invisible world, the region of the dead, the grave."

4th. They are not subject to taxation.

5th. Insects get into fruit, &c., through an imperforate opening in the skin and deposit their eggs, &c., so the books say.

6th. Are national plants and green-backs subject to taxation?

7th. Do insects get into peaches, beans, &c., when no sign of their entrance can be seen?

8th. St. John the Baptist.

9th. Who was the first President of the United States, and who kept the White House while he was in office?

10th. How is the word Hades pronounced?

11th. Are national birds?

12th. What is the name of the state of Kentucky?

13th. Who are the ex-Governors of Kentucky now living?

14th. Who are the ex-Governors of Tennessee?

15th. Who are the most brilliant orators?

16th. Who is the most brilliant man, Tom Marshall or Wm. T. Hassell?

17th. There are four ex-Governors of Kentucky now living—Berlin, Magoffin, John W. Stevenson, Preston H. Leslie, and James B. McCreary. Tennessee has six ex-Governors living, Nell S. Brown, Isham G. Harris, D. W. C. Carter, Gen. John Brown, James D. Porter and A. S. Marks. It would be difficult to determine who has produced the most men of national reputation. Tennessee has had two Presidents, Andrew Jackson and Jas. K. Polk, and one Vice who became President, Andrew Johnson; but against them Kenney might place the names of Henry Clay, Crittenden, Breckinridge and Vice-Presidents Dick Johnson, as men of equal national reputation. In the army of statesmen, each are entitled to high distinction. Tom Marshall and Wm. T. Hassell.

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### Irish Convention.

The convention of the Irish Societies of America met in Chicago, last week, and fell into wrangling and quarreling between themselves. The movement was to effect an organized effort to force England to recognize Ireland's rights, but this quarreling between themselves is more likely to hurt the cause. There were present some men of ability, whose honest desire was to help the old country; but more of them wanted to create a furore.

### Who Owns the Mississippi?

Jay Gould, the wonderful money king, is leading for the virtual ownership of the great Mississippi river. The two principal barges plying between St. Louis and New Orleans, known as the Mississippi Valley, and the St. Louis and New Orleans Transportation Companies have consolidated, and a new company organized under the name of Mississippi Barge Line. The new company owns 20 barges, and 139 barges, having a capacity of over eight million bushels. In this new company Jay Gould's interest largely predominates, and gives him the control of the transportation of bulk grain from St. Louis to New Orleans. Jim Fisk, Gould's old partner, declined to buy steamers on the Mississippi because he "couldn't own the road bed," but Gould proposes to accomplish an ownership by buying all the best transportation boats.

### Our Health.

The annual report of the Kentucky State Board of Health, just issued, asserts as the proof of experience that close quarantine will check the spread of yellow fever, and that the most important factors are cleanliness and pure air. Speaking of Hickman in this regard, it says: "But the best thing about that sanitary work was the thorough cleaning up of the city and its surroundings. The pestiferous nuisances which are believed to have furnished the nidus of the epidemic of 1878 were rigorously abated. Hickman is as clean and healthy a city as the most facilities could desire. The health officers of that town are certainly to be congratulated on their good work."

This clearly report as to Hickman was true of 1878-'79, but who can say it is true of 1881? The years immediately following the epidemic, each and every citizen was fearfully in earnest as to cleaning up, and the result was not only "as cleanly a town as the most fastidious could desire," but there was less sickness of any kind, those two years, than ever before in our history. Each year puts us further from the terrible scourge of 1878, and dulls the sense of danger, until we are about swindling into the old groove to clean up our leisure and pleasure.

It is an ever-varying sentiment to secure the public health laws, and our best people should give it constant aid and encouragement. The smells, like rattlesnakes, give warnings of danger.

**A New Constitution.—The Sovereignty of the People.**

[From Covington (Ky.) Commonwealth.] The Hickman Courier copies from the Commonwealth an article suggesting a Southern Constitutional Convention to amend the Constitution so as to extend the Constitution of the State to include the following:

The Courier would venture to advise the calling of a "sovereignty convention." If our very able contemporary, the Commonwealth, can suggest how the work of such a convention could be made the law of the land, why should not the Commonwealth of our State government have existed between the present Constitutional Convention, if there is the least probability of any good resulting from it.

The views of the Times are sensible precisely as set forth in that paper.

**Grant's Future Residence.**

New York, Aug. 11.—Gen. Grant has taken a large and very comfortable house in the new East Side, situated between Fifteenth and Madison avenues.

The price paid was \$50,000. It is understood that the General proposes to make this his future home.

**The Oldest Woman in the World.**

[From the Nashville American, via Jackson City.]

I have just visited Mrs. Nancy Sims, the oldest woman in the United States.

Her age is 102 years, and she is well known, but she is not less than 120 years old.

She is literally dried up. It is indeed, an enigma to see her, and is worth a visit from Nashville here for that purpose.

The old woman retains her faculties, and is well and robust, though very feeble.

She claims that her husband and father were both soldiers in the revolutionary war. This would make her fully 120 years old.

**The Louisville Stock Fair.**

The Louisville Fair Association will give its first semi-annual fair from September 27 to October 1, 1881, and will be more attractive than ever offered to the public.

It will be confined to one exhibition of horses and cattle, for the accommodation of which several hundred stalls will be provided free of charge.

And to meet the wants of the negro population, who are quite numerous, or

are accessible to railroads and bazaars, and well made roads for carriages.

Catalogues will be ready for distribution by August 20, and may be had on application to the secretary, John B. Gastineau, president, J. M. Wright, secretary.

**The Next Panic.**

[From New York Post.]

Mr. John Thompson, the President of the Chase National Bank, and he, the oldest member of the Bankers' Association, read a paper on "Panic" at the Convention at Niagara Falls. It was rather a warning that there would shortly be a panic, less than a discussion of panics in general. He believed that the time of approaching "blizzards" was not far off.

He asserted that the issue of stocks and bonds, are found what they were in 1873, and that the same would occur every dozen or eighteen months.

But then he is mistaken about the period of recurrence in panics. It is ten years in England; in this country it appears about twenty years.

**Votes as Merchandise.**

The reporter of a newspaper asked Dr. Woolsey, of Yale College, the other day, if he thought there was more corruption in the country now than there was in the early days of the Republic. He replied as follows: "I do, both among public men and among the people, but by the direct use of money or by the use of patronage, has been practiced to an alarm ing extent, and the purchase of votes is a great evil. Bribery is as well known as any other, and it is a great evil. Corruption is almost as hard as it is to check men's faces. Prosperity has brought facility for corruption which were unknown to the country at that time. There are ten thousand times as much corruption now as there was but one twenty years ago. Ignorance is a great evil in corruption. Ignorant men set little value upon their political privilege, and so frequently do they sell their votes that it is almost as hard as it is to check men's faces. 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